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For: **A STAND FOR PIVOTABLE MOUNTING AN OPTICAL READING DEVICE (AS AMENDED)**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(d)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Attn: Group Director

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Sir:

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